Your input helps school conversation

The Colby School District is participating in a statewide "Kansas Conversation" on what our schools are currently required to do, what should be added to improve student achievement and what should be dropped.

checks and balances when it nance and financing of our public schools in Kansas, and I believe it is a system that continues to work well. An elected state Board of Education provides guidance currently offer that promotes inand accountability, locally elected school boards "maintain, develop and operate" our schools, and the elected state Legislature is given the responsibility of "suitable" funding.

When there are conflicts among these constitutional branches, or when the people believe any part of the system is not working, they can turn to the courts to resolve constitutional issues. This keeps decisions about schools at the local level, and responsibility for paying for them with the state as a whole to ensure that every child no matter his or her zip code – can receive an excellent education.

The Kansas Constitution requires the Legislature to establish and maintain public schools for "intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement." The governor and legislative leaders are all seeking a definition of what our public schools should be like in Kansas. Who better to define public edu- dent of the Colby Public Schools.

Nominations are being accepted

Award, says the group's president,

Any animal that has provided

distinguished service or performed

in an extraordinary manner on be-

half of an individual or a commu-

There will be three Pet of the

Year awards, one each for the cat-

Dr. Sheila Dodson.

nity may be nominated.

professional.

Terrell Harrison • From the super's desk

There is a strong system of cation than the people of Kansas? We have an opportunity to express comes to the establishment, gover- what our community believes and send those thoughts to Topeka.

We will be focusing on three questions: • What do Kansas public schools

tellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement?

• What are Kansas public schools not doing that should be added to provide such improvement?

What should Kansas public schools stop doing because it does not advance such improvement?

The results from our district will be shared with the Kansas Association of School Boards and combined with results all across the state. The report will then be shared with legislators and the governor during discussions about defining a "suitable" education.

You may answer the questions by going to the Colby Public Schools website at www.colbyeagles.org or join in a conversation with Colby Public Schools Site Council members on from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at Colby High School, 1890 S. Franklin Ave.

Terrell Harrison is superinten-

The pets will be honored during

day, June 6, at the Kansas State

University Student Union in Man-

Send nominations with a de-

scription of meritorious conduct

(100 words or less) by Friday,

April 29, to: 2011 Pet of the Year,

KVMA Awards Committee, 816

SW Tyler, Suite 200, Topeka,

Search is on for Pet of the Year

for the Kansas Veterinary Medi- ceremonies at the association's

cal Association Pet of the Year annual business meeting on Mon-

egories of hero, companion and Kan., 66612-1635, or fax to (785)

233-2534.

hattan.



Re-enactors, rangers and historians have worked together to bring the archaeological site of a Cheyenne and Sioux village to life in rural Ness County.

Site to be revisited in historic program

A unique historic program will be presented by the Fort Clapsaddle will present a brief Larned Old Guard on Saturday, April 30, at the site of a Cheyenne and Sioux village in Ness County that was captured and burned by the army in 1867, as well as at the fort.

The afternoon presentations at the village site, closed to the public except for special events, will be free. There is a charge of \$15 per person for the evening dinner and program at Fort Larned.

At 1:15 p.m., a car caravan will leave Fort Larned to visit the village site, where re-enactors will have an Indian encampment set up to visit. There, at 2:30 p.m., Chief Ranger George Elmore from Fort Larned will tell about the search for, discovery and archaeological investigations at the site.

He will be followed by military historian Leo E. Oliva, Woodston, who will talk about the acquisition of the site by the Fort Larned Old Guard and the addition of the site to the National Register of Historic Places. The car caravan will return to Fort Larned, where participants may tour the fort and ervations, call Oliva at (888) watch a retreat ceremony prior 321-7341. to dinner at 6 p.m.

Following dinner, Dr. David memorial for Bill Chalfant. Old Guard Chairman Rex Abrahams will conduct a brief business meeting, after which Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of Cheyenne and Arapaho College in Weatherford, Okla., will speak about "Walking the Cheyenne Road of Life."

Dr. Mann served many years as chair of the Native American Studies Department at Montana State University. She is the author of a book, "Cheyenne Education, 1871-1982," and has lectured widely in the U.S. and other countries. In 1991, Rolling Stone me named her one of the 10 leading professors in the nation.

The Old Guard is honored to have Dr. Mann share her knowledge about the Cheyenne people, Abrahams said. They hope many people will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the Cheyenne people and culture.

Reservations for the evening meal and program must be received by Monday, April 18. For information or to make res-

Oberlin postpones decision on snake

The Oberlin City Council put side a cage in her home. off a request from an Oberlin woman to make an exception or control officer got a call when give her permission to keep her the people at the housing comseven-foot-long boa constrictor, plex found out Ms. Eaton had the Goliath, in town.

Aiyya Eaton asked the council during the public forum time on sured that the cage is well built the agenda for permission to keep her pet in her home on York Avenue.

City Administrator Karen Larson said the city's ordinance on exotic animals prohibits boa constrictors inside city limits.

Ms. Eaton said the boa is her pet and she would like an exception made so she can keep it. She said Goliath, a red-tailed boa, lives in-

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Saturday 1:35 a.m. - Security check at

Twister's. 6:06 a.m. - Clerk called about a

suspicious person walking around semis at Bosselman's. Gone on arrival.

8:58 a.m. - Dog at large. All OK; dog secured.

9:48 a.m. - Call wanting officer to give subject ride.

1:37 p.m. - Welfare check. Ev-

erything OK. 2:54 p.m. - Report of subjects

trying to sell items from vehicle. Unable to locate. 5:58 p.m. – Caller reported

someone riding all-terrain vehicle with two small children. Spoke cattle complaint at County Rd. 9 with subject; information provided.

7:55 p.m. – Security check at

9:19 p.m. - Officer flagged down at Oasis Travel Center about trouble with U-haul trailer. Spoke with owner of U-haul; informa-

subject locked her out of residence. Spoke with subjects, civil matter, resolved.

10:28 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver in the area of Franklin and Plum. Unable to locate, would

Mrs. Larson said the animal snake.

Mrs. Larson said she was asand has a padlock on it.

The council decided to table a decision until its next meeting on Thursday, April 7, at The Gateway.

Ms. Eaton, said Mrs Larson, said just because the snake isn't fuzzy doesn't mean it isn't a good pet, or that she doesn't love it or care for it.

keep watch for vehicle. Sunday

1:44 a.m. - Security at Twister's.

2:15 a.m. - Security check at Walmart.

2:30 a.m. - Report of a barking dog. Owner contacted.

10:31 p.m. - Security check at Walmart.

11:30 p.m. - Security check at the B-Hive.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Saturday

1:35 a.m. - Assisted Colby Police with security check at Twister's.

10:05 a.m. - Report filed on and E.

Sunday

9:38 a.m. - 911 caller reported man riding bicycle westbound in the 800 block of U.S. 24. Not found.

4:15 p.m. - Arrested Daxton Richard Navarro on Sherman County warrant.

5 p.m. - Took inmate to Sherman County line, turned over to Sherman County deputy.

5:27 p.m. - Highway Patrol reported debris in roadway at eastoound I-70 mile 43.

6:43 p.m. - Assisted Highway



Bosselman's.

tion provided. 10:05 p.m. -Subject reported

harassing phone calls. No report.

10:24 p.m. – Caller reported

Patrol.



